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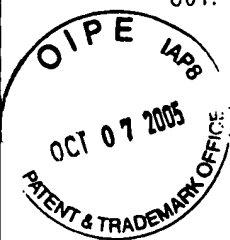
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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

This paper responds to the Notice of Allowance, mailed July 8, 2005. Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of claims 1-37. Applicants note that these reasons relate to features or combinations of features recited in independent claims 1, 6, 11, 17, 25 and 31. Applicants further note that each of



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claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-16, 18-24, 26-30, and 32-37 include patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

If the Examiner believes any matter requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this response. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

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